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1. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a presentation, comprising:

connecting a plurality of geographically dispersed contributors to a single controller through a network to collaborate to prepare the presentation;

allowing the contributors to propose contributions to the presentation, the proposed contributions residing on storage devices under the control of the contributors;

making the proposed contributions available for concurrent viewing, editing and comment by the contributors; and

the controller managing the preparation of the presentation by selectively including one or more but not all of the proposed contributions, ~~selected by the controller~~ in the presentation.

Claims 2-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein managing the preparation of the presentation further comprises:

making instructions from the contributors for preparing the presentation visible to the controller over the network for use by the controller in selecting the one or more but not all of the proposed contributions to be included in the presentation.

Claim 7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein managing the preparation of the presentation by including one or more of the proposed contributions selected by the controller further comprises~~ further comprising:

displaying the prepared presentation to third parties by retrieving at least one portion of the presentation via including a path for retrieving a selected contribution through the network

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~~during a display of the presentation~~ included with a proposed contribution.

Claims 9-37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently Amended) A system for preparing a presentation, comprising:

a controller terminal for connecting through a network to a plurality of geographically dispersed contributor terminals to allow contributors to collaborate to prepare the presentation, the terminal operable to allow the contributors to propose contributions to the presentation that reside on storage devices under the control of the contributors, the terminal further operable to make the proposed contributions available through the network for concurrent viewing, editing and comment by contributors, to allow a controller to manage the preparation of the presentation by selecting one or more but not all of the proposed contributions for inclusion into the presentation, and to provide the controller access through the network to the storage devices to retrieve the selected contributions ~~for inclusion into~~ during display of the completed presentation to third parties; and

a controller storage device connected to the controller terminal for storing the presentation including the selected contributions.

Claims 39-42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 38, wherein the controller terminal further comprises:

a controller terminal operable to connect the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller for use in

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selecting the one or more but not all of the proposed contributions for inclusion while preparing the presentation.

Claim 44. (Canceled)

45. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 38, wherein the controller terminal further comprises:

a controller terminal operable to prepare a presentation script, the script including a path for retrieving a selected contribution through the network from a storage device during display of the presentation in accordance with the script to third parties.

Claims 46-52. (Canceled)

53. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 38, wherein the controller terminal comprises:

a controller terminal operable to retrieve a selected contribution from the respective storage device under the control of the respective contributor during display of the prepared presentation to third parties.

Claims 54-70. (Canceled)

71. (Currently Amended) A method for making a presentation, comprising:

connecting a plurality of geographically dispersed contributors to a controller through a network to make propose contributions by concurrently editing the presentation; and

displaying contributions selected by the controller ~~as part of the~~ during display of the completed presentation to third parties.

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Claims 72-73. (Canceled)

74. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 71, ~~wherein connecting the contributors to the controller further comprises~~ further comprising:

~~concurrently connecting the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller~~ selecting one or more but not all of the proposed contributions during the preparation of ~~for preparing the presentation.~~

75. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 74, ~~wherein concurrently connecting the contributors to the controller to provide instructions to the controller comprises~~ further comprising:

~~connecting the contributors to the controller to concurrently provide instructions to the controller~~ preparing a presentation script by identifying the selected contributions to be included in the presentation.

76. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 75, ~~wherein the script includes a path for~~ further comprising the step of:

retrieving a selected contribution through the network, from a path included in the script, during the display of the presentation to third parties.

Claims 77-94. (Canceled)

95. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a script for a presentation, comprising:

connecting a plurality of geographically dispersed potential contributors to a control operator through a network to create a virtual scripting office for the joint preparation in real time of

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a script for a live presentation ~~by the control operator and the potential contributors to third parties;~~

streaming elements of the script from the control operator to the contributors ~~together with software tools for modifying the script;~~

accepting modifications to the script proposed by more than one of the contributors at the same time as temporary script elements; and

~~incorporations~~ incorporating one or more but not all of the proposed modifications into the script under the control of the control operator.

Claim 96. (Canceled)

97. (Currently Amended) The invention of claims 95 or 96 further comprising:

~~incorporating one or more URL addresses in the script for retrieval of~~ retrieving one or more script elements, from URL address provided in the script, during the live presentation to third parties.

Claims 98-101. (Canceled)